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ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Election of 36 members of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund

Note by the Secretariat

1. By resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the General Assembly decided that the current governing bodies of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund should be transformed into Executive Boards.

2. Under the previous arrangements, the Governing Council of UNDP/UNFPA was composed of 48 members, as follows: 11 from African States, 9 from Asian States, 4 from Eastern European States, 7 from Latin American and Caribbean States and 17 from Western European and other States, and the Executive Board of UNICEF was composed of 41 members, as follows: 9 from African States, 9 from Asian States, 4 from Eastern European States, 6 from Latin American and Caribbean States and 12 from Western European and other States and one additional seat which rotates among regional groups. The relevant resolutions also stipulated that the members of the UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF governing bodies should serve for a term of three years, beginning on the first day of the organizational meeting in February of each year and 1 August, respectively.

3. In resolution 48/162, the General Assembly decided that the Executive Boards should each have 36 members and that the membership of each Executive Board should be with due regard to equitable geographical representation and other relevant factors, with a view to ensuring the most effective and broadest participation. The regional allocation of seats on the Executive Boards is as follows:

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(a) Eight seats for African States;

(b) Seven seats for Asian States;

(c) Four seats for Eastern European States;

(d) Five seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Twelve seats for Western European and other States (including Japan).

4. It is proposed that the Council hold elections for the transformation of the current governing bodies to the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF during the organizational session of the Council, which is to be held from 1 to 4 February 1994.

5. Since General Assembly resolution 48/162 gives no indication of the duration of the terms of office of the members of the new Boards, it is proposed that a three-year term be maintained and that for both Boards the terms begin on 1 January.

6. Attention is drawn to the fact that it is the customary practice for the terms of members elected to intergovernmental bodies by the Council to be staggered for the initial period in order to avoid having the entire membership retire at the same time.

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Note verbale dated 28 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to state that Bangladesh would like to apply for membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Bangladesh's request for membership in this important Committee may be considered on the basis of the following:

1. In the course of the last decade, Bangladesh has twice had to contend with the problem of refugees, on a major scale. Bangladesh's experience in this regard would be of relevance to the work of the Executive Committee;

2. Bangladesh has always been supportive of UNHCR and has also received assistance from it relating to refugees.

Bangladesh is thus keenly interested in UNHCR and is in a position to make a meaningful contribution to the work of the Committee.

It would be appreciated if Bangladesh's request for membership could be processed in accordance with the relevant rules.

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BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

Note verbale dated 23 December 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, has the honour to request consideration of the present application for election of the Russian Federation to membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Russia attaches great importance to the activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in coordinating States' efforts relating to international refugee protection. Participating in this noble work within the framework of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will enable Russia to make its own contribution to solving the global refugee crisis, in which the situation in the territory of the former Soviet Union figures prominently.

Russia's accession to the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) and to the 1967 Protocol thereto, and the measures that the Government of the Russian Federation has taken to admit and provide facilities for the enormous mass of refugees on its territory, are testimony of the policy direction which our country is following to overcome difficulties in this field in a spirit of democracy and human rights and in observance of the requirements of international standards. On a practical level, these difficulties concern, inter alia, the lack of trained personnel, the process of determining the status

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of individuals seeking asylum, the provision of housing and material assistance to these individuals and the improvement of immigration controls at frontiers. Approval of the Federal migration programme will create the foundation necessary for progress towards fuller compliance by Russia with its international obligations.

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Note verbale dated 28 December 1993 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to state that the Government of India would like to seek admission to the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It is requested that the Secretary-General kindly process this request in accordance with the usual procedures through the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

India's interest in joining the Executive Committee is based on its experience in handling refugee issues in the past. India has accommodated and extended hospitality to thousands of refugees from its neighbouring countries. India has worked with UNHCR on a number of refugee issues. India is committed to contributing to UNHCR in tackling the issues arising from the growing number of refugees in many parts of the world. It is in this context that India is convinced that it can contribute better by becoming a member of the Executive Committee of UNHCR.

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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the Council for confirmation, pursuant to rule 11 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the names of the representatives of the members of the functional commissions listed below which have been received since the close of the organizational session for 1993. Biographical data are available in the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, Division for Policy Coordination and Economic and Social Council Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

Statistical Commission

FRANCE	CHAMPSAUR Paul
GERMANY	MERK Hans Guenther
SPAIN	QUEVEDO QUEVEDO José

Population Commission

BANGLADESH**	AHMED Syed
CHINA	YU Peng

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Commission on Human Rights

HUNGARY	ENDREFFY Miklós
ITALY	TORELLA di ROMAGNANO Paolo
JAPAN	MARUYAMA Shunji

Commission on the Status of Women

CYPRUS	MARKOULLIS Erato Kozakou
GUINEA-BISSAU	PEREIRA SALDANHA ARAUJO Eugénia
KOREA	KWON Young-Ja
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	RASHID Salma
NAMIBIA	NANDI-NDAITWAH Netumbo

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

CANADA	WHYTE Anne V. T.
GERMANY**	HILLEBRAND Wolfgang
IRELAND	HOLOHAN Niall
MALAWI	MANONDO Robert Habil
MALAYSIA	MOHD. NORDIN Hj. Hassan
MALTA	PULLICINO George
TOGO	GBEASSOR Messanvi
VIET NAM	LE QUY An

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

JAPAN	FURUTA Yuki

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Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 40th and 42nd plenary meetings, on 30 and 31 July 1992, the Economic and Social Council elected 20 experts to the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development (see decision 1992/268). For the four remaining vacancies, the Secretary-General has received the names of the following representatives, nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in the annex.

African States

Mohamed M. Shawkat (Egypt)

Latin American and Caribbean States

William Sebastiao Penido Vale (Brazil)

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

William Sebastiao Penido Vale (Brazil). Deputy (Vice) Minister, Ministry of Mines and Energy. Supervisor of the National Secretariat of Energy and the National Secretariat of Mines and Metallurgy. Full member, National Council for Privatization of State-owned Enterprises and of the National Council for Environmental Protection (CONAMA). Brazilian delegate to the Latin American Organization for Energy Development (OLADE). Has authored publications on regional development, the economics of natural resources, public policy analysis, and urban and regional development.

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African States

Mohamed M. Shawkat (Egypt)

2. The Secretary-General has also received the name of one candidate nominated by the Government of Brazil for election, to replace the present expert from that country on the Committee:

Latin American and Caribbean States

William Sebastiao Penido Vale (Brazil)

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Letter dated 31 January 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In view of the work that is being undertaken to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system in the fight against HIV/AIDS, most recently reflected in the proposed "Joint and Cosponsored United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS", my Government would find it useful to have a broad discussion and exchange of views on this issue at the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council this summer. Due to the dramatic scope of the AIDS pandemic and the need for a multisectoral and unified response by the United Nations system, my Government considers it of the utmost importance to work towards a well formulated and coordinated United Nations programme where the contributions and participation of all the relevant parts of the United Nations system are taken into account.

Norway therefore proposes that, at the organizational session (1-4 February), the Economic and Social Council include an additional item in the agenda for the general segment of this year's substantive session, entitled "Coordination of the United Nations activities related to HIV/AIDS".

I would appreciate it if this letter could be circulated as an official document for the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council.

(Signed) Martin HUSLID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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